

TRIBUTE TO BECKY TRINKLEIN

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Becky Trinklein as she prepares to celebrate twenty-five years of dutiful service as an educator, the past twenty years of which she spent at Immanuel Lutheran School in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Becky's faithfulness and dedication in sharing the good news of God's love in Christ with her students and others has made her an invaluable part of Lutheran education in her community.

A native of Frankenmuth, Becky is the only child of Victor and Marguerite Trinklein. The love and support of her family has carried her through every facet of her career and molded her into the unique, caring woman that she is today.

Becky holds a bachelor's degree in education with a special concentration in art education and a master's degree in education with a focus on early childhood education from Concordia Teacher's College. Her strong faith and adherence to God's will led her from St. John Lutheran School of Edgerton, Wisconsin, where she taught kindergarten and preschool for five years, to a similar job at Immanuel Lutheran School in the fall of 1981.

While Becky's teaching ministry has been distinguished, her noteworthiness extends far beyond the classroom walls. She has held leadership positions in the Michigan District Early Childhood Educators Conference, the North and East Lutheran Schools Early Childhood Educators Conference, and the Bay-Midland Lutheran Teachers Conference. The Michigan Region Five Odyssey of the Mind Board and the Bay Arenac Skill Center Advisory Committee have also benefited from her time and attention to service. Immanuel Lutheran has flourished from the commitment of this exceptional teacher and her presence has graced many committees and projects.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish to praise Becky for her continued adherence to excellence in education. The early school years put an indelible stamp on children and Becky Trinklein's strong influence has helped instill in them a sense of self-worth and pride that will carry them far in achieving success in life. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing gratitude to Ms. Trinklein for her dedicated service to the children and in wishing her continued success.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION****HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, due to an emergency in my district I unexpectedly missed two votes yesterday. If present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 126 and No. 127.

WELCOME TO NEWARK, OTUMFUO  
OSEI TUTU II, SIXTEENTH  
ASANTEHENE**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 22, my home city of Newark, New Jersey will have the privilege of hosting Otumfuo Osei Tutu II, sixteenth Asantehene, direct successor to Opemsuo Osei Tutu I from Ghana. I would like to ask my colleagues here in the United States House of Representatives to join me in welcoming the leader of Ghana to New Jersey. Our nation has a special relationship with Ghana, which in 1957 became the first country in colonial Africa to achieve independence. Kwame Nkrumah, the first president of the Republic of Ghana, earned a college degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1939, creating a close bond between the people of Ghana and African Americans. When I had the great honor of accompanying President Clinton on his historic trip to Africa, we received a warm and enthusiastic welcome when over 500,000 Ghanaians came out to greet us.

Otumfuo Osei Tutu II has won admiration for the unique leadership he has provided the people of Asante and Ghana in general since he assumed the high office of Asantehene and the heavy responsibilities that go with the position. This dynamic, personable king has succeeded in refocusing the attention of the Asante nation and Ghana, on the development of the country's most valuable resource—its people. It is for this reason that his vision encompasses education, health and industry. A healthy people equipped with the requisite technical and scientific skill and knowledge constitute an invaluable asset to any community, any nation that aspires to achieve maximum industrialization.

Born on the 6th of May 1950 and named Barima Kwaku Duah, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II is the youngest of the five children of Nana Afua Kobi Scrwaa Ampem II, Asantchemaa (Queen Mother of Asante). Under his Majesty's leadership and direction numerous and very drastic efforts have been made to assess and redefine traditional roles, integrating some into global standards based in practicality, sustainability and functionality. What has emerged is a much better administrative design of six strategically functional and articulate units of the system.

As part of mobilization efforts to relax some aspects of Asante culture to embrace development and progress, Otumfuo has embarked on a drastic overhaul of the Kingdom and its logistics to enable the Manhyia Palace to better equip and prepare itself and its traditional leaders to accommodate the impending challenges of development. By liberalizing various aspects of the Kingdom, Otumfuo has enhanced governance and emphasized development.

HONORING CAPTAIN WILLIAM W.  
COPPERNOL**HON. PAUL RYAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues an accomplishment by a young man serving in the United States Army. Captain William W. Coppernol, who is from Burlington, Wisconsin, has received the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. This award is given to those Army officers who embody the leadership ideals of General MacArthur. After my meeting with him this afternoon, I can certainly see why he was chosen for this prestigious award.

Captain Coppernol is an excellent example of the American military servicemember. He grew up in a city not far from me in southern Wisconsin. His family is still there, with his father working in Milwaukee for the FAA and his mother working at Burlington Catholic Central High School. Captain Coppernol is now stationed in Minnesota, which he is happy about because his parents can see their grandson, William, more often.

While Captain Coppernol is a family man, he is also an Army man. He is a bright man who plans to make a career out of the Army, and our country should be thankful for it. This "Army of One" is a true asset to the United States of America. I congratulate Captain Coppernol on receiving the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

**VETERINARY HEALTH ENHANCEMENT ACT FOR UNDER-SERVED AREAS****HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, many rural and inner city areas of the United States lack proper veterinary care within their communities. As a result, the health of both animals and humans in these areas is at risk. In many cases, veterinarians, upon graduating from a school of veterinary medicine, opt to practice in prosperous urban settings which often provide opportunities for higher standings of living. The result is a lack of animal health care professionals in hundreds of communities and rural regions.

Rural areas of the United States are going through a unique transformation. Thousands of small-town, agrarian communities are literally vanishing. These agricultural communities are dependent upon livestock veterinarians to help ensure the well-being of their rural economies. Unfortunately, lower earning potential, long hours, unfavorable weather conditions, danger, and fewer farmers are making livestock veterinarians remarkably scarce in these agrarian communities.

In the same respect, inner-city areas have also noticed a shortage of animal health care professionals within their communities. These areas are potential hotbeds for dangerous diseases carried by rodents and stray animals. These diseases can be easily transmitted to